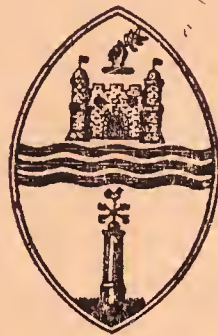


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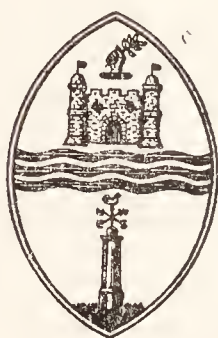
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NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

Medical Officer of Health

D. D. Payne, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

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W. H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,

Certified Inspector of Meat
and other Foods.

Additional Sanitary Inspector:

G. Teale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.,

Certified Inspector of Meat
and other Foods.

Clerical Staff:

Miss D. I. Anderton.

Miss P. Bailey.

Miss M. Kirk.

Area (acres)	75,009
Population (mid-summer, 1948, estimated by the Registrar-General) mid-year estimate of population for the Area as now constituted ...	12,400
Rateable Value, March, 1948	£64,682 0 0
Produce of a Penny Rate, March, 1948	£266 0 0
Live Births: Males Females	
Legitimate, 88 } 94 Legitimate, 96 }	200
Illegitimate, 6 } Illegitimate, 10 }	
Birth Rate (Live births per 1,000 of the estimated resident population) ...	16.1
Still Births: Males Females	
Legitimate, } Nil Legitimate 5 }	5
Illegitimate, } Illegitimate — }	
Still Births—Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births	24.4
Number of Deaths—Males 74, Females 57 ...	131
Death Rate ...	10.6
Deaths from Puerperal causes	Nil
Deaths of Infants under one year of age: Legitimate 7 }	7.0
Illegitimate — }	
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:	
All Infants per 1,000 live births ...	35.0
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...	38.0
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0.00
Deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis Nil ... Rate	0.00
Deaths from other Tuberculous Diseases 1 ... „	0.08
Deaths from Scarlet Fever ... Nil ... „	0.00
Deaths from Diphtheria ... Nil .. „	0.00
Deaths from Typhoid and Paratyphoid Nil ... „	0.00
Deaths from Measles Nil ... „	0.00
Deaths from Whooping Cough ... Nil ... „	0.00
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years) Nil ... „	0.00
Deaths from Cancer 20 ... „	1.61

To the Chairman and Members of the

NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of your district for the year 1948.

I desire to acknowledge the support and assistance I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Council during the year and to record my appreciation of the work of Mr. Dingsdale and his staff.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

D. D. PAYNE,

Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department,
Nidderdale Rural District Council Offices,
Knaresborough.

July, 1949.

Causes of Death in Nidderdale Rural District, 1948

Causes of Death.				1948	
				Male	Female
(Civilians only).	All Causes			74	57
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ...				—	—
2 Cerebro-Spinal Fever ...				—	—
3 Scarlet Fever ...				—	—
4 Whooping Cough ...				—	—
5 Diphtheria ...				—	—
6 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System				—	—
7 Other forms of Tuberculosis ...				I	—
8 Syphilitic Disease ...				—	I
9 Influenza ...				—	—
10 Measles ...				—	—
11 Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis				—	—
12 Acute Infectious Encephalitis ...				—	—
13M Cancer of Buccal Cavity and Oesophagus (Males Only) ...				—	—
13F Cancer of Uterus ...				—	2
14 Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...				3	I
15 Cancer of Breast ...				—	I
16 Cancer of other sites ...				10	3
17 Diabetes ...				I	—
18 Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions ...				6	10
19 Heart Disease ...				23	21
20 Other Diseases of Circulatory System				I	2
21 Bronchitis ...				3	I
22 Pneumonia ...				2	—
23 Other Respiratory Diseases ...				3	—
24 Ulceration of the Stomach or Duodenum				I	—
25 Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...				—	—
26 Appendicitis ...				—	—
27 Other Digestive Diseases ...				—	3
28 Nephritis ...				I	2
29 Puerperal and post-abortive Sepsis ...				—	—
30 Other Maternal Causes ...				—	—
31 Premature Birth ...				I	—
32 Congenital Malformations, Birth, Injury, Infantile Disease ...				3	I
33 Suicide ...				I	I
34 Road Traffic Accidents ...				2	I
35 Other Violent Causes ...				2	I
36 All other Causes ...				10	6
Total ...				131	

(A) STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

1—Population.

The Population as at the middle of 1948 is estimated by the Registrar-General at 12,400.

2—Social Conditions.

The chief industry of the District is Agriculture and in every village communal life is based upon farming.

3—Births.

The number of live births registered during 1948 within the area according to the Registrar-General's corrected* figure was 200, 94 males and 106 females. The birth rate is 16.1 per thousand of the population. In 1947 the number of live births registered was 226.

There were 16 illegitimate births, 6 males and 10 females, representing 8.7 per cent. of the live births. The corresponding figure for 1947 was 4.4 per cent. In 1947 the number of illegitimate births was 10 and with the decreased birth rate and the increase of illegitimate births the percentage of illegitimate births shows a marked rise.

Still Births.

5 still births were registered, all females, as compared with 4 males registered during 1947. This gives a rate of 24.4 (live and still births) and a still birth rate of 0.40 per thousand of the population compared with the still birth rate for England and Wales of 0.42.

4—Deaths.

The number of deaths during the year corrected* by the Registrar General, was 131; 74 males and 57 females. The death rate is 10.6 as compared with 12.7 in 1947, which is 0.2 lower than that for England and Wales.

Of the total number of registered deaths 3 occurred in Institutions.

5—Infant Mortality.

During the year 7 resident infants, 5 males and 2 females, died before reaching their first birthday. The Infant Mortality is 35 per thousand live births.

Of these 7 deaths 3 were due to prematurity, 2 to respiratory infection, 1 to congenital malformation, and 1 to asphyxia due to regurgitated food.

6—Maternal Mortality.

No deaths due to child-birth were registered during the year within the area.

* The corrections made by the Registrar-General adjust the number for inward and outward transfers.

(B) GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

1—Public Health Officers of the Authority.

The names and qualifications of these are set out on page 3.

2—Health Services.

(a) Laboratory Facilities.

(1) Chemical.

The chemical analysis of milk and foodstuffs is carried out at the laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service and the chemical analysis of water is undertaken by Messrs. Richardson and Jaffe, Bradford.

(2) Bacteriological.

Bacteriological examination of clinical material (throat swabs, etc.) is undertaken either at the Laboratory of the Harrogate General Hospital or at the Public Health Laboratory at Wakefield. The latter Laboratory also undertakes the examination of milk for tubercle bacilli and the bacteriological examination of water samples.

(b) Ambulance Facilities.

The Ambulance services of the West Riding County Council are provided from a main Depot situated at Leadhall Grange, Harrogate, with Sub-Depots covering the outer areas at Ripon and Pateley Bridge.

The West Riding Ambulance Service maintains an ambulance at the Thistle Hill Isolation Hospital for the removal of infectious cases to the Hospital.

(c) Health Visiting and School Nursing.

After July 5th, 1948, Health Visiting and School Nursing has been carried out by a whole-time Health Visitor and a part time School Nurse, until the end of the year some of the Health Visiting was also carried out by the Home Nurses in the District.

(d) School Medical Services.

These Services are administered by the West Riding County Council through the Divisional School Medical Officer. School children are medically examined periodically at Schools at routine medical inspections, and any cases found to require treatment are referred, where necessary, to their private practitioner or to Specialist Clinics in Knaresborough and Harrogate.

These Specialist Clinics include the following : Ophthalmic, Orthopædic, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinics and a Clinic for children with defective speech. There is also in Harrogate a General School Clinic for cases requiring a more complete examination than is possible at the Schools.

Special arrangements are made for the examination of handicapped pupils and where necessary such cases are admitted to Special Residential Schools.

Dental inspection of children is undertaken at the Schools and treatment is provided by means of a Mobile Dental Treatment Outfit.

(e) Home Nursing and Domiciliary Midwifery Services.**(1) General.**

Prior to 5th July, 1948, nursing in the home was provided by the various District Nursing Associations in the area ; after that date these services were provided by the West Riding County Council as the Local Health Authority.

The former District Nurses employed by the District Nursing Associations were taken onto the staff of the West Riding County Council and now undertake their work under the general supervision of the Divisional Medical Officer.

In addition 2 full-time Home Nurses and 1 full-time Midwife who undertake this work in the Knaresborough Urban District are also employed in part of the Nidderdale Rural District.

(2) Infectious Diseases.

The Health Visitor and School Nurses of the West Riding County Council in certain cases visit the homes and advise as to precautions to be taken with regard to the spread of infection and exclusion from attendance at School, but do not assist with the actual nursing of the case.

(f) **Maternity Services.**

The arrangements for the admission of complicated maternity cases to Hospital, and where necessary, normal cases to Maternity Homes, were made through the West Riding County Council.

(g) **Clinics and Treatment Centres.**

The West Riding County Council maintain Ante-Natal Clinics and Child Welfare Clinics at Boroughbridge and Knaresborough, and a Child Welfare Clinic at Whixley. School Clinics are held at Fysche Hall, Iles Lane, Knaresborough. An additional Child Welfare Clinic was opened at Poppleton on 8th June, 1948.

(h) **Hospitals.**

There are no Hospitals in the area, arrangements are made when necessary for patients to be admitted to the General and Special Hospitals in the neighbouring towns.

(i) **Small-pox.**

Arrangements for the admission of small pox cases are undertaken in conjunction with the Leeds Regional Hospital Board.

(C) **PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.****NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.****1—Scarlet Fever.**

26 cases were notified during the year as compared with 18 during the previous year.

There were no fatal cases and the cases which occurred were very mild in character.

The age and sex distribution is shown in the following table:

	Under 1 year	1-3	3-5	5-10	10-15	15-25	25 and over	Un- known	Totals
Males	—	1	1	5	3	2	1	—	13
Females	—	1	—	6	2	2	2	—	13
Totals	—	2	1	11	5	4	3	—	26

2—Diphtheria.

For the second year in succession it is pleasing to note that there were no cases of Diphtheria notified within the District.

The number of children immunised for diphtheria during the year was 133, in addition 111 'stimulating' doses were given during the year to cases where the degree of immunity had been diminished by the length of time since their initial inoculation.

3—Puerperal Pyrexia.

1 case of Puerperal Pyrexia was notified during the year; the patient was nursed at home and made a satisfactory recovery.

4—Cerebro Spinal Fever.

1 case of Cerebro Spinal Fever was notified during the year, the case was mild in character and was treated with Penicillin and made a good recovery.

5—Pneumonia.

2 cases of Acute Primary Pneumonia were notified during the year.

6—Erysipelas.

2 cases of Erysipelas were notified during the year, both these were treated at home and made a satisfactory recovery.

7—Measles.

There was a decrease in the number of cases notified during the year. 56 cases were notified during 1948 as compared with 77 cases during 1947.

8—Whooping Cough.

11 cases of Whooping Cough were notified during the year as compared with 8 during 1947.

9—Other Notifiable Diseases.

No case of Small-pox, Poliomyelitis, Dysentery or Food Poisoning was notified during the year.

10—Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1948.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	RESPIRATORY.		NON-RESPIRATORY.		RESPIRATORY.		NON-RESPIRATORY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1-5 years	I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5-15 „	...	I	I	I	...	...	...	...
15-25 „	2	I	...	...	...	...	I	...
25-35 „	I	I	...	...	...	...	...	...
35-45 „	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
45-55 „	I	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55-65 „	...	...	I	...	...	...	...	...
65 and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...
TOTALS	7	5	2	I	...	...	I	...

There was a decrease in the number of cases of Tuberculosis, 15 cases being notified as compared with 23 during 1947; of these 12 were Pulmonary and 3 Non-Pulmonary. There was 1 death from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis as compared with 5 deaths during 1947.

(E)

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. **Water Supplies** (Paras (i) and (ii)).

	Total Estimated Popula- tion	No. of Inhabited Houses	Population Supplied		Satisfactory in		Samples		
			Standpipes	Mains	Quality	Quantity	Bacteriological		
							Satis.	U/Sat.	Chemical
TOWNSHIPS.									
* Allerton-Maulever-with- Hopperton ...	151	43	Private	Supply	Yes	No			
* Arkendale ...	151	44	"	"	No	No			
Boroughbridge ...	1,780	525		1,669	Yes	Yes			
Brearton ...	157	45	Private (23)	63	Yes	Yes			
Burton Leonard ...	547	166	74	453	Yes	Yes	10	2	7
Cattal ...	130	37		101	Yes	Yes			
* Coneythorpe-&-Clareton	53	15	Private	Supply	No	No			
Copgrove ...	77	24	"	"	Yes	Yes			
Dunsforth Lower ...	77	22		49	Yes	Yes			
Dunsforth Upper-with- Branton Green ...	137	39		133	Yes	Yes			
x Farnham ...	136	39		106	Yes	Yes			
Felliscliffe ...	300	79	(Raw Water Main)	262	Yes	Yes		1	
x Ferrensby...	120	36		98	Yes	Yes			
x Flaxby ...	50	13		45	Yes	Yes			
x Follifoot ...	420	103		350	Yes (excepting 'Hookstone')	Yes			1
x Goldsborough ...	225	49		162	Yes	Yes			
							10	3	7
									1

TOWNSHIPS.

	Total Estimated Popula- tion	No. of Inhabited Houses	Population Supplied		Satisfactory in		Samples		
			Standpipes	Mains	Quality	Quantity	Bacteriological	Chemical	
x Plompton ...	110	29		105	Yes	<i>Totals B/F</i>	26	6	12
x x Poppleton Nether ...	335	98		241	Yes	Yes			
x x Poppleton Upper ...	710	204		588	Yes	Yes	1		1
Ripley ...	230	63	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes			
Roecliffe ...	182	52		161	Yes	Yes			
* Rufforth ...	249	84		69	Yes	Yes			
x Scotton ...	410	119		404	Yes	Yes			
x Scriven ...	140	40		130	Yes	Yes			
Stainley-with-Cayton ...	220	53	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes	2	1	2
Staveley ...	326	105		273	Yes	Yes		1	
Thornville ...	24	7		11	Yes	Yes			
Thorpe Underwoods ...	126	36		52	Yes	Yes			
Walkingham-Hill-with-Occaney ...	20	5	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes			
Westwick ...	10	3	"	"	Yes	Yes	1		1
Whixley ...	810	153		325	Yes	Yes	3	1	1
Widdington ...	14	4	Private	Supply	Yes	Yes			
x Parishes supplied by Harrogate Corporation Waterworks Department.	13,425	3,766					33	9	17
x x Parishes supplied by York Corporation Waterworks Dept.									1

* Mains extension approved by Ministry of Health.

** Mains extensions approved by Ministry of Health and works in progress.

(E) SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(iii) **Plumbo Solvency.**

Frequent water sampling of piped and private supplies throughout the District have proved these supplies to have a pH value well over 7. There is no risk of plumbo-solvency.

Supplies throughout the area are, for the most part "hard"—the Council's own undertaking at Marton yielding a water of some 26 degrees hardness (Clark's scale) prior to softening.

(iv) **Contamination.**

Following a sample of water taken from a shallow well supplying cottage property at South Stainley (the results of which were unsatisfactory) investigation of the source was carried out. This revealed that the occupier had refused to allow the Council's Scavenging Vehicle to empty the pail closet, and had instead made a practice of disposing of the contents of the pail closet in the adjoining garden. This practice was immediately discontinued, the well cleaned, and subsequent sampling revealed that the water had returned to normal.

A few isolated cases of shallow well water contamination were also revealed by water sampling, and in all cases the provision of a piped water supply was secured.

(v) **Inspections.**

During the year a total of 267 staff visits were made to schemes of water supply, supply connections and works in progress (excluding visits and inspections by the Council's waterworks foreman).

2—Drainage and Sewerage.

A total of 389 staff inspections were made to works of drainage, sewerage and works in progress, in addition to which 168 independent "smoke tests" on new drainage works were carried out.

Schemes of sewerage were designed for the Council's new Housing Estates in various villages.

3—Rivers and Streams.

Samples of river and stream water, including sewage works effluents are frequently sampled throughout the area by the Officers of the West Riding Rivers Pollution Board. Of the samples taken throughout the year one sample was reported to the Council as being “unsatisfactory”—this related to the Boroughbridge Sewage Disposal Works which is known to be overloaded, and for which the Ministry’s approval has been given to the enlargement of the works.

Complaint was made of the condition of the ditch running through the village of Lower Dunsforth, which had arisen by the failure of the Catchment Board to carry out the necessary cleaning due to shortage of labour. The matter was reported to the Board and the necessary cleansing carried out.

The sewage works effluent from Green Hammerton has in the past discharged into a watercourse from which cattle drink lower down the stream. Due to known overloading of this works and to prevent further complaint from the local farmers, the effluent was diverted by piping in the effluent a distance of some 700 yards in 6 inch land tiles. A new works is now approved by the Ministry of Health.

4—Closet Accommodation.

Total number of Closets in area	...	...	...	3518
Privies with open middens	...	...	...	76
Pails or Tub Closets	235
Privies with covered middens	1123
Water Closets	d	2084
				<hr/>
				3518
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				3518
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Further progress was made during the year in securing the conversion of pails and privies to waterbourne sanitation, some 66 being completed by the end of the year, with a further 34 notices for conversion being outstanding.

Notices are served month by month on owners to carry out conversions, and although the total number of pails and privies throughout the area is still high, considerable improvement should result when the Council’s comprehensive Tutt Valley Sewerage Scheme is completed and a modern sewer is available to facilitate conversions.

The total number of inspections carried out in connection with privy conversions during 1948 totalled 298.

5—Public Cleansing—Household and Trade Refuse.

(a) Collection.

The 100 per cent. collection service introduced in 1947 was continued, every property throughout the district being visited once per fortnight.

(b) Disposal.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping, three tips being in use at :—

1. Brickworks Yard, Green Hammerton.
2. Quarry, Lingerfield.
3. Howe Quarry, Beckwithshaw.

In September, considerable difficulty was experienced at the Lingerfield Tip as a result of the tip firing due to the actions of one of the operatives at a nearby quarry. The burning tip face had to be dug out and sealing operations carried out with the aid of a "dumper."

Routine rodent control work is carried out at each tip by the Council's part-time Rodent operative.

The amount and value of materials recovered during the year was .—

1947	£	s.	d.	1948	£	s.	d.
Paper— 24 ton 16 cwt.	170	0	0	Paper— 65 ton, 0 cwt.	440	0	0
Metals— 15 ton, 19 cwt.	38	0	0	Metals— 6 ton, 4 cwt.	16	0	0
Rags/Sacking— 2 ton, 11½ cwt.	38	0	0	Rags/Sacking— 1 ton, 8 cwt. 5 qtrs.	36	2	7
Bones & Bottles	28	0	0				
	274	0	0		492	2	7

Note.

- (a) The total estimated quantity of refuse collected and tipped during the year was 3,258 tons.
- (b) Average cost of "Collection and disposal" per house, per year, was approximately 14s. 7d.

6—Notices Served.**(i) Nuisance Inspections.**

Total number of inspections made in 1948 for NUISANCES only	61
Nuisances found in 1948	38
Nuisances in hand at end of 1947 ...	14
Total needing abatement	52
Total abated during 1948	46
Total outstanding at end of 1948	6

(ii) Notices Served.

Total number of INFORMAL notices served	81
Total number of INFORMAL notices complied with	59
Total number of INFORMAL notices outstanding	22
Total number of STATUTORY notices served	4
Total number of STATUTORY notices complied with	2
Total number of STATUTORY notices outstanding	2

(iii) Summary of summonses or legal proceedings (excluding Town Planning Appeals).

An Appeal was made to the Local Magistrates against the terms of a Statutory Notice requiring provision of additional sanitary accommodation at a temporary school. The magistrates held the view that the Council had been unreasonable in their request for the additional accommodation to be W.C.'s and accepted the provision of "Elsans" in lieu, in spite of the sewer being available.

7—Smoke Abatement.

There are very few “factories” within the area of Nidderdale Rural District Council, being essentially rural in character, and there were no complaints during the year of smoke nuisance.

8—Swimming Baths.

There are no public swimming baths in the area, and only 2 privately owned pools at :—

- (i) Three Greyhounds Hotel, Boroughbridge.
- (ii) The Hall, Thorpe Underwoods.

Routine chlorination and pressure filtration is carried out at both pools, which derive their water from the Council’s water undertaking.

9—Shops Acts, 1912 to 1938.

During the year 12 inspections were made at shops under the provisions of the above mentioned Acts.

Inspections made under Sections 10 and 13 of the 1934 Act dealing with the health and comfort of the shop assistants, revealed unsatisfactory conditions existing at 3 shops. Action was taken by informal notices in each case and all three were complied with.

(F)

HOUSING.

HOUSING STATISTICS, 1948.

Inspections.

1. (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	201
(b)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected following complaint of overcrowding	...				4
(c)	Total number of inspections following complaint as to verminous premises	...				8
(d)	Miscellaneous Housing Visits	...	...			97

2.	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers ...	35
3.	Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair	Nil
(b)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit as a result of notices served under paragraph (a) above	Nil
4.	Number of inspections made by Officers of Local Authority to new houses under construction	153
5.	Total number of dwelling houses in the area	3,766

(G) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

(a) *Milk.*

Total number of Cowkeepers in the District ...	693
Total number of Registered Cowkeepers in the District	685
Total number of Cowsheds in the District ...	814
Total number of designated milk producers in the District	
(i) "Accredited"	10
(ii) "Tuberculin Tested"	32
Total number of Cows in milk	4,580
Total number of Other Cattle	26,879
Number of milk samples taken by Officers of Local Authority	11

- (a) Methylene Blue Test ... 1 (Unsatisfactory)
5 (Satisfactory)
- (b) Presence of Tubercle bacilli 5 (Satisfactory)

Routine sampling at farms of production is carried out from time to time by Officers of the West Riding County Council. During the year the following samples were taken

Satisfactory	86
Unsatisfactory	18
Total	...
	104

Number of milk farms inspected	...	...	263
Number of cowsheds inspected	...	...	301
Estimated agricultural acreage of District	...		59,734

During the year there has been a noticeable increase in the requests for farm premises to be inspected with a view to securing T.T. licences. Numerous cowsheds have been modernised as a result of these requests and a total of 8 new T.T. licences actually issued by the West Riding County Council during the year.

For the most part the cowsheds throughout the area are satisfactory but there is still room for improvement in a few isolated cases. Shortage of staff continues to hamper the work of routine cowshed inspections.

(b) **Meat and other Foods.**

There are 17 private slaughter houses in the Nidderdale Rural District, the practice of "Centralised Slaughtering" being in force at Starbeck (Harrogate) and York Government Slaughter Houses. The whole of the 50 parishes in this district are supplied from either York or Starbeck.

Food condemned during the year amounted to 6 cwts. 61 lbs. all of which was voluntarily "surrendered." The bulk of the food condemned was tinned foodstuffs from local grocery shops and N.A.A.F.I. stores.

In no case did the category or quantity of foodstuffs condemned reach the minimum quantity to warrant notification to the Ministry of Food Salvage Organisation, in accordance with their Circular of October, 1948.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

1.—Inspections : For purposes of provisions as to health (inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises	No. on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced by Local Authority.	122	18	10	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by L.A.	3	7	3	Nil
Total	125	25	13	Nil

2.—Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars	Number of Cases in which defects were found				Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	to H.M. Inspectors	by H.M. Inspectors	
Cleanliness ... ..	...			
Overcrowding ... ..	...			
Unreasonable Temp. ...	...			
Inadequate Ventilation ...	...			
Ineffective Drainage ...	...			
Sanitary Conveniences ...	...			
(a) Insufficient... ..	2	2		2	Nil
(b) Defective	14	13		4	Nil
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	1	1		—	—
Other offences against Act ...					
Totals	17	16		6	Nil

